

## GERMANY MOVES TO REPUDIATE PART OF PEACE TREATY

Declares It Is Not Bound by Mandate Section of Pact.

PROTESTS AGAINST METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING COLONIES

Holds Versailles Paper Was Signed in Belief Teutons Would Be in League—

MAY URGE OTHER CHANGES

Berlin's Attitude Thought to Call for Prompt Formulation of American Policy.

[By Associated Press.] GENEVA, Nov. 19.—The German government no longer considers itself bound by the clause of the peace treaty by which Germany surrenders her colonies to the allies, according to an official note of protest which has been presented to the league of nations.

The note declares that the allies have not fulfilled their undertakings regarding the clause of the treaty concerning the allotment of the German colonies and mandates. It adds that, having signed the pact of the league of nations, Germany understood that she would be admitted to the league and consequently take part in the allotment of mandates, but that now she no longer considers herself bound by that clause of the treaty.

The German note, addressed to the secretariat of the league of nations, and which will be published later, is a long document couched in judicial terms. It is moderate in form, but constitutes a strong protest against league mandates, on which the assembly will have to pass judgment.

The existence of the note became known today owing to an indiscretion regarding the publication of the document will be available only when its full text is published by the secretariat of the league. From such fragmentary parts of the note as had reached the various delegates this afternoon, it was learned that the opinion in conference circles that German protest was not founded on any parts of the text of the Versailles treaty or the covenant of the league.

Immediate action of Germany and the other former enemy states to the league of nations was urged before the assembly of the league today by George Nicoll Barnes, of the British delegation. He presented a memorandum in which he stated that the league of nations, said Mr. Barnes, knew the great majority of them demanded that all the enemy states be admitted without delay.

"The people of Great Britain, whom I represent here," he said, "do not forget that the central empires plunged the world into war. They do not forget the misery and devastation caused. But the question now is to rescue the world from ruin, and the cooperation of the former enemy states is needed."

Many Modify Other Obligations. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Germany's protest is deemed to bring about a return of her colonies and possibly modification of other obligations imposed upon her by the peace treaty. Such are the ramifications of her move that it may have serious effects on the American foreign policy.

On the face it would appear that Germany was seeking merely to regain control over her colonies, seized during the war and turned over to mandatories after the peace of Versailles. But such is not the case, for upon which Germany has based her protest to the league—that the treaty provision for distributing the mandates was not fulfilled—that developments beyond the mere subjects of her colonies would seem to have been in the minds of her statesmen when they planned the objection.

Possible Objectives. Germany may be using the threat as a club to secure entrance into the league. But her action looks more like a carefully developed scheme to force the league into a shattering impasse not only over the question of returning her colonies, about which there has been renewed discussion of late, but also over the future question of reparations and other proposed modifications of the treaty.

Such is the direction of her attack that sooner or later, it would seem inevitable that the United States would be drawn into the situation.

Once Germany is able to render the league impotent by getting it hopelessly involved over questions regarding the fulfillment of one obligation, there would be ever-increasing likelihood of her escaping many of the other penalties she contracted to pay when she signed the treaty.

Strikes at Psychological. In noting Germany's reaction to recent world developments, it is not difficult to understand that Germany felt she was striking now at a time and in a place where it would hurt her former enemies and help herself.

Following the American election, German statesmen notably Count von Bernstorff, immediately set up the cry that the United States had shown it would have nothing of the league of nations and hence would not be a party to the enforcement of the provisions of the treaty.

Following the crushing defeat administered to the allied cause in the Greek's defeat of Premier Venizelos, Turkey has not yet established a government whose signature to the

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## LABOR WOULD PUT DOWN RADICALISM, STEM IMMIGRATION

Capital and Industry Reach Agreement for Closer Co-Operation.

ELIMINATE WASTE; FOSTER INCREASED PRODUCTION

Would Have Workers, by Their Conduct, Avoid Blame for Low Output.

A. F. L. COUNCIL ENDS MEET

Leaders Determined to Keep Radical Groups From Gaining Legislative Control.

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor concluded its work here tonight without making any formal announcement as to what had been accomplished during its two weeks of discussions.

Although members of the council, including President Gompers, of the federation, were disinclined to talk of proceedings in the executive sessions, it is known that certain programs were discussed which, by common consent, will practically become policies of the organization. These include what was described as a healthy stand against radicalism within organized labor, and for sharp restriction of immigration.

There was also an almost unanimous agreement among the labor heads, it is understood, for closer cooperation between labor and industrial engineers. In this, labor leaders believed they were accomplishing the dual purpose of eliminating waste and inefficiency and creating an atmosphere which would foster greater production. The council was said to have made plain, in its discussions, its realization of world needs in this respect, and members of the council held that labor's conduct should be such that no blame for low output could attach to the workers.

Gompers Pleaded. It was said that council members had planned a series of conferences with industrial experts looking to gradual establishment of a co-operation which may be invaluable. Some such conferences have been held during the last year, including that with Herbert Hoover, former Federal food administrator, who met here with the council early this week. Mr. Gompers was represented as being highly pleased with the results of the Hoover and other conferences and having expressed a desire to continue them.

The plea was made in council sessions here on more than one occasion, it was said, that labor leaders employ every effort to clear their attitude of suspicion which some leaders declared had attached to labor's position when seeking reforms. The belief that this might handicap labor in seeking the advice of industrial experts as the labor program is developed, was said to have been expressed.

Stand Against Radicalism. Unqualified support is said to have been given the stand against radicalism, within and without organized labor, as voiced by President Gompers and Vice-President Wolf, whose denunciation of the "borens" from within has been spread broadcast among the workers. The statement of the federation president as regards radical foreign labor and the suppression of disruptions also was accorded the council's entire approval.

Consideration was given to methods by which the radical workers could be barred from organized labor, but this apparently was set down as an insoluble problem so long as the federation's by-laws remain the same.

The leaders, however, also said to be determined in their stand to keep radical groups from gaining legislative control, even if the government body has no alternative but to let them carry union cards.

Legislation was urged upon Congress was discussed by the council, but its nature was not disclosed.

SIXTEEN WOODSMEN PERISH WHEN FLAMES SWEEP MOTOR BOAT

Panic-Stricken, Many Leap Overboard and Are Swallowed Up.

[By Associated Press.] BANGOR, ME., Nov. 19.—Sixteen woodsmen were drowned in Chesuncook Lake, in the heart of the lumbering district, late Wednesday afternoon, when a motor boat took fire.

The men were being taken across the lake from Chesuncook dam to Cuxabesia. Efforts to quench the fire failing, the party became panic-stricken and many leaped overboard, according to word brought here today.

The icy water soon engulfed those who tried to escape by swimming. About half the crew clung to the side of the craft until it was blown shoreward by the strong wind. Seventeen men are believed to have been saved, some in a serious condition from exposure.

Ryan to Act as Obregon's Adviser. CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Brigadier-General James A. Ryan, commander of the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, has left for Mexico to become confidential adviser to General Obregon, President-elect of Mexico, it was learned today.

## Hunter, Attacked by Army of Crows, Shoots 500

[By Associated Press.] ST. LOUIS CITY, MO., Nov. 19.—Attacked by thousands of crows while duck hunting on the Missouri River near here, M. L. Murray, of Salls, killed and wounded more than 500 of the birds in three hours, using about 200 shotgun shells. The coming darkness gave him an opportunity to escape. The fight started when Mr. Murray shot at a lone crow and wounded it. The wounded bird cried for help, and soon hundreds of others came to its aid. Soon the ground was covered with dead and wounded crows. The remaining birds attacked Murray, striking him with their beaks and wings. When darkness came the hunter was almost lost in a willow patch, and the crows, unable to advance upon him, retired to roost.

## BIG USERS TO CONTEST POWER RATE INCREASE

Corporation Commission Will Be Scene of Sharp Fight Monday.

MASS-MEETING AT NORFOLK

More Than Two Hundred Current Consumers Will Be Represented by Attorneys—Richmond One of Cities Affected.

What will probably be one of the sharpest fights ever staged before the State Corporation Commission will come up Monday when attorneys representing 207 of the largest manufacturing concerns in Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Petersburg and Hopewell will appear to contest the petition of the Virginia Railway and Power Company for an increased rate for electric power.

All of the 207 are large users of wholesale power and are the only customers of the company among some 45,000 power users affected by the petition. Many will have their personal attorneys present, and others are sending an attorney to represent all affected in their city.

At Norfolk a mass-meeting was held by the power users which are hit by the proposed increase to protest against the rate increase. It is claimed that the 207 who are hit by the price boost use a large percentage of the power sold by the company.

Some years ago the company petitioned the Corporation Commission for a general increase in rates, but because of the opposition, was allowed only a partial increase. At that time the larger manufacturers using electric power were not affected by the increase, and it is to regulate this that the company is asking the new schedule.

Find Money on Body. At the local morgue to night \$200 was found sewed in Rodgers' coat and \$250 in the lining of his underwear. Most of the loot, which included small amounts of jewelry, as well as Liberty bonds and currency, was found in a barracks bag. Carter and Porter, at the local jail, declined to talk, other than to give police what they said were their names and addresses. According to the police, their accents indicate they are Southerners.

In describing the battle with the alleged robbers, Policeman Hendrix said that when he saw the automobile approaching he stepped into the road, whereupon the driver threw a

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## ON WAY TO AMERICA WITH FORGED TICKETS

250 Emigrants Stranded in Cherbourg, France, Because of Agents' Duplicitous.

[By Associated Press.] CHERBOURG, FRANCE, Nov. 19.—Two hundred and fifty emigrants, bound for the United States, are stranded here, penniless, because the ocean steamship tickets provided them by the supposed agent of a navigation company in Paris before they left by train for Cherbourg proved to be forgeries. Manager Chapira, of the American Society for the Protection of Emigrants, has asked the police to arrest a man who was in possession of the tickets for the emigrants. He is charged with pocketing money to the amount of \$30,000 francs and selling forged tickets.

Fortune Found in Coop Completes Big Hold Up Case

Mrs. Daly Says Husband Was at Home When Robbery Occurred.

[By Associated Press.] COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, Nov. 19.—Finding a fortune in a chicken coop and the arrest of two more suspected persons early today brought the investigation of last Saturday's Burlington Railway mail robbery, in which estimates of less run as high as \$350,000, to a point where postal officials said the case was virtually complete.

A count of the money found in a sack in the chicken-house back of the T. A. Daly home here showed it to total \$25,000 in \$10 bills. Federal agents are now trying to locate \$10,000 which Mrs. Daly has said was taken from the home by the robbers.

According to statements made by one of the men under arrest, all the loot save that found in the chicken-house was burned.

Five of the negroes previously arrested were released today. Mrs. Daly, wife of the man under arrest, officials say, made a statement that her husband was at home at the time of the robbery and that P. O. Conner had brought the money to their home early Sunday morning wrapped in packages. According to Mrs. Daly's statement, she overheard the men say that they had burned the rest of the contents of the sacks. After counting the money over, the statement continued, they hid it in the chicken-house, where it was found this morning by officials.

## YEGGMEN TAKEN BY POLICE AFTER THRILLING FIGHT

One Is Killed in Battle With Roanoke Officers.

CASHIER HEARD REPORT OF EXPLOSION AT HOME

Patrolman Hendrix Slightly Wounded in Melee When Auto Is Stopped.

[By Associated Press.] ROANOKE, VA., Nov. 19.—The Bank of Glasgow, Glasgow, Va., forty miles north of here, at 2 o'clock was robbed by three bandits of \$150,000 in Liberty bonds and currency, according to an estimate of President Vaughan of the bank, and three hours later Roanoke police, having received the alarm, blocked the three roads leading into this city, halted the robbers, who were speeding in a seven-passenger auto on one of the roads, killed one of them, took the other two prisoners in a pitched battle and recovered the loot.

In the battle, Patrolman O. L. Hendrix, of Roanoke, was slightly wounded. The dead man, according to the police, is James B. Rodgers, 26, of Philadelphia. The men under arrest gave their names as Charles Carter, 36, Cincinnati, Ohio, and William Porter, 47, of Washington, D. C.

Cashier Hears Explosion. The explosion in cracking the Glasgow bank safe was heard by the cashier, L. Grigsby Paxton, who was in bed. He rushed to the bank as soon as he could draw, but the robbers had made their getaway. Residents of the town heard the car as it rushed through the streets. Mr. Paxton telephoned Lexington, Roanoke, Buchanan, Lynchburg, Buena Vista and other near-by places.

B. Estes Vaughan, of Lexington, president of the bank, was notified, and he in turn freely used the telephone. Officers and private individuals were stationed on the outskirts of Lexington and other towns on the lookout for the men. At Buchanan, it is said, the burglars were seen to pass at great speed. The railroad telegraph offices at Glasgow were also busy sending out alarms. Sheriff Parent, accompanied by R. P. Bruce, a local lawyer, arrived early this morning with bloodhounds, but the robbers had then been caught in Roanoke.

Chief of Police Rigney expressed the belief tonight that the trio were responsible for robberies recently in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee.

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## 'Y' SESSIONS BRING ALL TOGETHER ON COMMON GROUND

Thomas B. Morton Declares This Is Great Benefit of Big Meetings.

WIPES OUT DISTINCTIONS OF INDUSTRIAL CLASSES

More Than 1,000 Delegates Registered for Annual Convention in Richmond.

Wiping out of distinctions between employer and employee by bringing representatives of these two classes in the industrial world together on common ground to discuss problems of mutual concern, and thereby generating a distinctly friendly feeling between capital and labor is the outstanding benefit of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. conferences, according to Thomas B. Morton, president of the United Shop Crafts of Richmond, a member of the City Council, and superintendent of Stockton Street Sunday School, who made an address yesterday afternoon at the second day's session of the fifteenth international conference of the transportation department of the Y. M. C. A. held in the Hotel Jefferson.

Dr. John P. Munn, head of one of the largest insurance companies in the country, is general chairman. W. D. Duke, of Richmond, general manager of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, presided at the afternoon session, and L. C. Rowlett, of Richmond, a fireman of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, presided at the evening session. Norman Call, vice-president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, sang a solo at the night session. This was followed by five-minute talks by H. M. Parker, an engineer on the East River, Boston and Maine Railroad; L. P. Sheed, chief safety agent of the Rock Island; B. P. Howard, a conductor on the Chesapeake and Ohio; W. A. Woodall, a conductor on the Southern; J. W. Marrow, superintendent of shops on the Frisco; S. W. Rogers, vice-president of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern, and James Burdick, Duluth and Iron Range.

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## Lad of Twelve Sings Highest Note Recorded

[By Associated Press.] NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Robert Murray, aged 12, of Tacoma, Wash., sang in what singers assert was the highest note ever reached by the human voice. Before a group of famous Metropolitan stars, including Mme. Frances Alda, who "discovered" the youth last summer, Murray not only reached with ease the high notes in aria of Galli-Curci and Tetrazzini fame, but, to the astonishment of his hearers, he transposed those notes to a higher key and breathed them with equal facility and resonance.

## PRE-WAR PRICES APPEAR IN CHICAGO GRAIN PITS

Corn and Oats Are Sacrificed on Wholesale Scale—Wheat Breaks 93-4 Cents Bushel.

DEFLATION PERIOD NOT OVER

Reported Unsettled General Business Conditions, With Large Supplies of Feedstuffs in Sight, Responsible for Drop.

[By Associated Press.] CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Pre-war prices made their first appearance today in the grain market. Corn and oats were sacrificed wholesale in the trading pits until both cereals were squarely on an ante-bellum basis of value. Transactions in wheat were also of great volume with prices slashing in progress. December wheat closed at \$1.72; December corn at 66-3/8, and December oats at 44-5/8.

Reported unsettled general business conditions furnished the background and large supplies of feedstuffs were said to be in sight with live stock being sent to market, instead of being held on farms, according to reports. Wheat showed itself the most sensitive of any board of trade commodity and stopped falling only after having broken 93-4 cents a bushel. Bear leaders conceded that farmers were, to a large extent, successfully maintaining a holding policy as to wheat, but took the ground that the wheat must be sold some time, and that in the meantime Canada was supplying any demand in this country, and was furthermore glutting United States markets with Canadian cattle as well.

Persistent liquidation of corn, especially, was explained by bears as due to the necessity of a price low enough to induce consumers to stock up ahead of requirements and to impel buying on the part of investors. This view, however, was being actively combated late in the day by the bulls when the question as to whether, with pre-war prices already attained, the period of deflation was not now fully over, at least, as far as cereals were concerned.

Still Another Drop in Refined Sugar Price

Federal Refining Company Reduces Price Granulated to 9 Cents.

[By Associated Press.] NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Still another drop occurred in refined sugar here today when the Federal Refining Company reduced its list prices to 9 cents for fine granulated. This action followed a cut in raw sugar to 5 1/2, a new low record.

ITALY'S WOMEN GET VOTE

Chamber of Deputies Grants Suffrage by Vote of 240 to 10.

[By Universal Service.] LONDON, Nov. 19.—Shaking to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome, the Italian Chamber of Deputies today granted suffrage to women by a vote of 240 to 10.

BRIGHT SKIES AND SMOOTH SEA GRACE HARDING'S VOYAGE

President-Elect Plays Shuffleboard on Deck With Reporters.

[By Associated Press.] ABOVE THE STORMY PAMUNIA (By Wireless), Nov. 19.—Shaking the bad weather "jinx" that wrecked his vacation in Texas, President-elect Harding sailed toward Panama today under bright skies and over a smooth sea.

His steamship, the Parima, which left New Orleans yesterday afternoon, steered almost due southward and during the first twenty-four hours of the run had covered almost 300 miles of the 1,400-mile course to Central America.

Officers of the ship predicted perfect weather would continue throughout the trip. The President-elect slept late this morning and after a brisk walk about the deck, settled down in the warm sunlight to read a book about Panama. Soon, however, he became interested in a game of shuffleboard being played on deck by some of the newspaper men in his party and could not resist the challenge to join the game. He practically spent the rest of the day in playing shuffleboard and other deck games.

Senator and Mrs. Harding occupy a small suite adjoining the staterooms of other members of the party. They take their meals in the general dining saloon. Tonight they attend a picture show and concert given in their honor.

Spl. Thanksgiving Outing to Balto. Nov. 24th. Great steamship fares. York River. Stead. 512-Adv.

## BAPTIST WOMEN GIVE \$366,501.19 TO MISSION WORK

Far Exceed Allotment in Pledging Funds for \$75,000,000 Campaign.

463 NEW SOCIETIES WERE ORGANIZED DURING YEAR

The Times-Dispatch Makes an Error in Report on "Aesthetic Dancing."

WAS NOT RICHMOND SCHOOL

General Association Brings Annual Sessions to Close—Takes Stand on Divorce.

Contributions of \$366,501.19 to missionary work were made by Baptist women in Virginia within the past year, according to the report of Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, of Richmond, corresponding secretary, who read the report of the Woman's Mission Union at the closing session of the Baptist General Association of Virginia yesterday.

Although in the \$75,000,000 campaign the women in Virginia were only asked to pledge one-third of the quota for the State, they contributed far in excess of this proportionate share.

Mrs. Thomas said the work of the organization had been much retarded until July, when Miss Elizabeth Ellyson took charge, but despite a live stock being sent to market, instead of being held on farms, according to reports. Wheat showed itself the most sensitive of any board of trade commodity and stopped falling only after having broken 93-4 cents a bushel. Bear leaders conceded that farmers were, to a large extent, successfully maintaining a holding policy as to wheat, but took the ground that the wheat must be sold some time, and that in the meantime Canada was supplying any demand in this country, and was furthermore glutting United States markets with Canadian cattle as well.

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